



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan King County Council

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Jorge Barón, Vice Chair of Policy Development and Review;
Reagan Dunn, Vice Chair of Regional Coordination;
Claudia Balducci, Rod Dembowski, Steffanie Fain,
Rhonda Lewis, Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer*

1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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- 3. Listen to the meeting by telephone – See “Connecting to the Webinar” above.**

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry and von Reichbauer

3. **Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2026**

Councilmember Barón moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

5. **Additions to the Council Agenda**

There were no additions.

6. **Special Item**

Proclamation of March 22 to 28, 2026, as Transit Appreciation Week in King County.

Executive Zahilay, Councilmember Balducci, and Councilmember Fain, made remarks and presented the proclamation to Ernest Kandilige, Deputy General Manager, Metro Transit Department. Ernest Kandilige made remarks and thanked the Council.

Proclamation of March 2026 as Women’s History Month in King County.

Councilmembers Balducci, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, and Perry, made remarks and presented the proclamation to Nura Adam, Executive Director, Immigrant Women's Community Center (IWCC). Nura Adam made remarks and thanked the Council.

Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinances from Standing Committees and Regional Committees, and of Ordinances related to Collective Bargaining

There will be one public hearing on Items 6 & 9-13

The following people spoke:

Alex Tsimmerman

Jordan Crawley

Kody Zalewski

Greg Woodfield

Sarah Jett Rasor

Daniel Gilman

Matt Metzker

Joe Kunzler

Preston Anderson

Law and Justice

7. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2026-0027.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE limiting the use of King County-owned and controlled property; amending Ordinance 18665, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.005 and Ordinance 17706, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.15.020 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.15.

Sponsors: Mosqueda

The Chair announced Proposed Ordinance 2026-0027 would be deferred one week to the March 24, 2026, Council meeting.

This matter was Deferred

Hearing Examiner Consent Agenda - Item 8

8. [Proposed Substitute Ordinance No. 2025-0368.2](#)

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the vacation of a portion of a portion of 52nd Avenue South/Indiana Ave, file no. V-2735; Petitioner: Whispering Woods Estates, LLC.

Sponsors: Perry

The enacted number is 20045.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fain that this Ordinance be Passed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

Motions, from Standing Committees and Regional Committees and Motions related to Collective Bargaining, for Council Action

Consent Items 9-13

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0228](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Crystal Goodwin, who resides in council district seven, to the King County board for developmental disabilities.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16956.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

10. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0253](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Dae Degrate, who resides in council district nine, to the King County behavioral health advisory board.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 16957.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

11. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0255](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Someireh Amirfaiz, who resides in council district nine, to the King County mental illness and drug dependency advisory committee, as a provider of culturally specific mental health services in King County.

Sponsors: Dunn

The enacted number is 16958.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

12. [Proposed Motion No. 2025-0337](#)

A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of Carrol Stripling, who resides in council district seven, to the King County veterans advisory board.

Sponsors: von Reichbauer

The enacted number is 16959.

A Public Hearing was held and closed. This matter passed on the Consent Agenda.

Passed On The Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Barón that the Consent Agenda be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Fain, Lewis, Mosqueda, Perry, and von Reichbauer

13. [Proposed Substitute Motion No. 2026-0017.2](#)

A MOTION stating the council's support for continued entheogen-related research for alternative treatment modalities, structured medical models, and full decriminalization of entheogen-related activities and requesting that the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of any adult engaging in certain entheogen-related activities be among King County's lowest criminal enforcement priorities.

Sponsors: Mosqueda and Dembowski

The Chair announced that Proposed Motion 2026-0017 would be removed from the Consent Agenda and deferred one week to the March 24, 2026, Council meeting.

A Public Hearing was held and remains open. This matter was deferred.

14. **Reports on Special and Outside Committees**

No reports were given.

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature